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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

Parnall Correctional Facility

Department of Corrections

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Parnall Correctional Facility is a level I facility for males who are age 21 and older, with the capacity to house 1,648 prisoners. The Facility's mission is to provide a work environment where staff feel valued and to provide a safe, secure, and humane environment for prisoners. The Facility is located in Jackson, Michigan.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the Facility's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that the Facility's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security were moderately effective. We noted ten reportable conditions (Findings 1 through 10).

Reportable Conditions:

The Facility did not properly complete gate manifests to help control the movement of items into and out of the Facility (Finding 1).

The Facility did not maintain proper inventory controls over critical and dangerous tools (Finding 2).

The Facility needs to improve its controls over keys and padlocks (Finding 3).

The Facility did not ensure that it performed and documented the required number of prisoner shakedowns and cell searches (Finding 4).

The Facility did not implement proper internal control over medications maintained in the physician dispensing box in the health services unit (Finding 5).

The Facility did not conduct required drug tests of all selected prisoners in a timely manner (Finding 6).

The Facility did not conduct and document all required prisoner counts (Finding 7).

The Facility did not complete all required security monitoring exercises (Finding 8).

The Facility did not properly document all required weekly and monthly sanitation inspections (Finding 9).

The Facility assigned some prisoners to gate pass details who did not meet all eligibility criteria (Finding 10).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the Facility's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to food service operations.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that the Facility's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to food service operations were moderately effective. We noted one reportable condition (Finding 11).

Reportable Condition:

The Facility did not comply with all policies and procedures relating to food service (Finding 11).

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Agency Response:

Our audit report includes 11 findings and 11 corresponding recommendations. The Department of Corrections' preliminary response indicates that the Facility agrees with all of the recommendations and has complied or will comply with them.

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A copy of the full report can be obtained by calling 517.334.8050 or by visiting our Web site at: <http://audgen.michigan.gov>



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